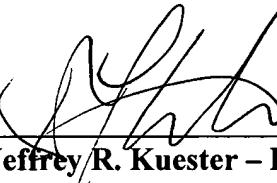


**REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed December 27, 2004 (Paper No. 20041221). The Examiner has required Applicants to elect to prosecute one of two groups of claims identified in the Office Action. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-20 and 39-52, with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that search and examination of all claims can be made without serious burden on the Examiner. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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